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August 2, 1956

J. Edgar Hoover, Director

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director Federal Bureau of Investigation Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

By means of a joint House and Senate Committee, the State of Ohio has been investigating and studying the problem of juvenile delinquency for several months. I am chairman of this committee.

We have found that this problem has been increasing by leaps and bounds and that no one appears to have even the slightest idea or suggestion as to how to begin to cope with it. Even worse, most people in the state take a very passive attitude toward the problem and assume that "kids will be kids".

Our committee is charged with the responsibility of recommending to the next Session of the Legislature in January, 1957, the answers to this problem. To date, we can't say that we have anything to recommend.

Knowing of your conscientious interest in this problem, I would like to extend to you an invitation to appear before our committee at your convenience in Columbus to give our committee and the people of Ohio the benefit of your thinking and years of experience. By so doing, not only will you give our committee the answers to many of our un-answered questions but your presence before this committee will also focus the attention of the people of Ohio on a problem that they presently choose to ignore.

Hoping that your extremely important schedule will permit you to help us give these kids a "break", I remain

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The Conservatory of Music Department of Music Education Oberlin College Oberlin, Ohio

Dear

Your letter dated August 14, 1956, has been received.

Although I would like to be of service, the FBI does not have any material available on the specific topic you mentioned. I am taking the liberty, however, of enclosing some other data regarding juvenile delinquency matters which you might like to have.

I feel that there are many types of wholesome activity, in addition to athletics, which aid in combating juvenile crime, and I was interested in learning of the channel you are exploring.

Not long ago, I had occasion to review the 1955 Progress Report of the New Orleans Recreation Department, which has a Cultural Division offering a continuous/program of varied activities including music and dancing. The thought occurs to me that you might wish to direct an inquiry to Mr. Lester J. Lautenschlaeger who is Director of NORD, Carondelet Building, New Orleans, Louisiana, for what information he can give you concerning his program.

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Sincerely yours,

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How Good a Parent Are You? You Can Help Stop Juvenile Crime Juvenile Delinquency, Syracuse Law Review 1955 semiannual UCR

NOTE: The Progress Report described above indicates that NORD sponsors such classes as Opera Chorus, Junior Group, Children's Chorus, Barber Shop Quartet, Community Symphony and Ukelele. Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles.